



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021
9:00 a.m.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Trinity welcomes you.

WELCOME TO TRINITY

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. We hope that you will feel the presence of God in this holy space. We believe that you will also find God in the community of people who worship here. Trinity is rich in the traditions of the Episcopal Church, and it is our prayer that you will feel warmly welcomed. May this place be to you a source of strength and spiritual renewal. May you also find it a place where all people are accepted. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Trinity welcomes you!

The City of Tulsa exists on lands where numerous Indigenous Peoples have lived, hunted, gathered, fished, celebrated, fought, prayed, and died. These include the Caddo, Osage, Wichita, Apache, Kiowa, Arapaho, Cheyenne, Lakota, Quapaw, Kickapoo, Cherokee, and the Muscogee Nation, on whose reservation Trinity Episcopal Church currently exists. We are endeavoring to become more knowledgeable and empathetic to the struggles, injustices, traumas, broken promises and broken treaties Native Peoples have faced. This intentional journey empowers us to learn how we can most effectively, and appropriately, act to create and build collaborations, friendships, communities of trust, and peace.

Acknowledging American Indian Peoples' previous and current heritage, and jurisdiction of the lands upon which modern institutions and buildings exist, is an important first step to honor and recognize the histories and values we share, and those we do not yet share.

For your information

If you are a visitor with us today, welcome! All persons are invited to receive communion.

Childcare is available each Sunday from 8:30 am until 12:15 pm on 2nd floor near the front of church in the east end of the Great Hall. Ask the ushers.

For all children, there are quiet activity bags, crayons, and paper in the soft space in Bishop Brooke chapel. Ask the ushers.

The Church Down Under is a Eucharist at 11:05 am on Sunday mornings in the Undercroft. This service is designed for families with younger children who want to worship together as a family or for those seeking a less formal worship experience. Everyone is welcome.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Organ Voluntary: Berceuse

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Please stand for the entrance of the Choir and Clergy.

Hymn 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel (Stz. 1, 2, 5, 7, 8)

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

Lighting of Advent Candles

The first purple candle is lit as the Celebrant says

Jesus Christ is our hope.

The second purple candle is lit as the Celebrant says

Jesus Christ is our hope for peace.

The pink candle is lit as the Celebrant says

Because of Christ we can have the joy that is promised in God's word.

The third purple candle is lit as the Celebrant says

This candle represents Love because Christ loves us enough to come to earth so that all people can be saved.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**
Amen.

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

S95

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff has three measures: the first measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the second measure is marked 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the third measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The second staff has three measures: the first measure is marked 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the second measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the third measure is marked 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

Please be seated.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7

Tone VIII.1

Qui regis Israel

(Please join the choir in singing the Psalm)

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

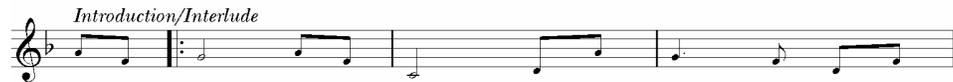
Sequence

Please stand.

Hymn 268 Ye who claim the faith of Jesus

Julion

Introduction/Interlude



Descant



4 "Mag - ni - fi - cat

1 Ye who claim the faith of Je - sus, sing the
2 Bless - ed were the cho - sen peo - ple out of
3 There - fore let all faith - ful peo - ple sing the
4 "Mag - ni - fy, my soul, God's great - ness; in my

an - i - ma me - a

won - ders that were done when the love of God the
whom the Lord did come; bless - ed was the land of
hon - or of her name; let the Church, in her fore -
Sa - vior I re - joice; all the a - ges call me

Do - mi - num. Mag -

Fa - ther o - ver sin the vic - tory won, when he
prom - ise fa - shioned for his earth - ly home; but more
shad - owed, part in her thanks - giv - ing claim; what Christ's
bless - ed, in his praise I lift my voice; he has

ni - fi - cat, mag - ni - fi - cat."

made the Vir - gin Ma - ry mo - ther of his on - ly Son.
bless - ed far the mo - ther, she who bore him in her womb.
mo - ther sang in glad - ness let Christ's peo - ple sing the same:
cast down all the might - y, and the low - ly are his choice."

Conclusion



Words: Sts. 1-3, Vincent Stucky Stratton Coles (1845-1929), alt.; st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)
Music: David Hurd (1950)

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-55

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Cheryl Harder

With music in my heart and your love in my soul, let me share your words O Lord. AMEN

I love music – so much of my life is surrounded by it. As a 50 year old, I was the youngest of all the people marching with Mr Moody's marching band, yesterday I played with ____other tuba/euphonium players at Tuba Christmas – (If you missed it – you can utube Tuba Christmas – Tulsa) . I spend most Sundays singing along with the choir. I would rather listen to music than to watch tv. God speaks to me through song and I answer the same way. The song that kept running through my head when I prepared for this sermon was this.. "Be still and know that I am God: Be still and know that I am God – be still and know that I am God."

Be still.....in this season of anything BUT stillness – God asks us to be still and listen. God asked that of Mary and Elizabeth some 2000 years ago, and thankfully they were still and listened.

I promised myself and God that I would not rush Christmas this year. My husband Ron and I have been waiting to get into our new house since October – we closed on Wednesday, and are moving things in, My house does NOT look like Christmas Today is the 4th Sunday in Advent and I vowed that I would both revel in that and in the hope and promise of our future. You will notice that we will not be singing any Christmas Hymns this morning - It is the 4th Sunday in Advent and we are still waiting .

We have been inundated – it seems like more so this year than in past ones with the Christmas season being moved up. I know that several stores began their Christmas season in late September !!! The “after Christmas” deals – you know 70% off have been out for a couple of weeks. Hallmark has all of it’s Christmas movies playing = ad nauseum. And some radio stations have been playing nonstop Christmas music since before Thanksgiving.

Now for the next couple Sundays when we actually play and sing Christmas music here at church (because it IS the season) people will wonder why we are playing them AFTER Christmas. We get *tired* of Christmas even before it is here.

So today... let us enjoy the last Sunday of Advent. Let us sing with our hearts and with our souls about the love of our Lord. Let us be still. For today-forget about Christmas shopping, or wrapping presents or baking. Today – forget about Christmas it will come in its time whether we are ready or not. Today – be still - live for today- Let your job today be to listen for the signs and signals – signals that Mary and Elizabeth heard and felt over 2000 years ago. I will challenge each of you to take these few days before “Santa” and listen to the small voice that tells us what Christmas is really about. It is not about tinsel or the glitz that our society wants us to believe that it is about. *Whisper...* It’s about Jesus

I think that God wants to do to us, to each of us this Christmas, exactly what God did for Mary and Elizabeth. God wants to put into our hearts, and into our lives, hope and joy. Real hope -- the kind that isn't for sale and doesn't wear out; and real joy -- the joy that begins deep inside. And God wants each of us, like Mary, to bear within us, and to carry to those around us, the Lord of life. I think that's the gift God wants to give us.

When Mary and Elizabeth got those gifts, they didn’t have to go shopping. Instead they had to be still and quiet. They had to listen to the voices that no one else could hear; voices that were telling them impossible things and each of them had to believe that God would do just what God promised - even to them, just as they were – even to us – just as we. All we have to do is listen, believe, and trust that what the Lord says is so... ..You know, children have an easy time at trusting – at believing. We adults seem to get “smarter” with age and learn to question and disbelieve. As adults it requires a special vision, and a special discipline to see signs of hope and to discover cause for joy. In our world and in our lives, it takes eyes that trust and hearts that believe to find real reasons to sing, to magnify the Lord, to give thanks. But if we are to discover what this season is all about, it has to be done.

Perhaps the lessons from Mary and Elizabeth about our Christmas season is that the hope and joy which the world outside is trying to create, or to pretend, or to buy, this month, really isn’t for sale. It is a gift - a gift usually given quietly in the places we least expect it, in the ways we do not believe possible.

The real business of these last hours before Christmas is waiting, and listening, and trusting that the Lord will regard our low estate, and will give to us what the world can neither give nor recognize. And

perhaps, as happened to Mary and Elizabeth, some new life will begin to grow within us, new life that can begin once more to transform us; and, through us, to renew our world.

(Fr Lee and I will disagree theologically whether Mary actually Knew about how her life would be forever changed, but I don't think that either Mary or Elizabeth knew who or what they would become when they listened to God. They simply had faith to listen and to act.

What jumped out at me in the Gospel was, first of all, the words Elizabeth said to her cousin Mary – the words to the “Hail Mary” Prayer recited regularly by the Roman Catholics... “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb”.

The words that Mary sang – known as the Magnificat – are also spoken clearly in our Gospel today. My *soul* magnifies the Lord and my *spirit* rejoices in God my Savior. Whew how deep is that love of God? It goes to her very being – and all she had to do was listen...and trust.

Beginning on Friday night and for the next couple weeks of the Christmas season as we Episcopalians continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord, listen to the music, I urge you to feel that love of God – to let your soul magnify the Lord – to let your spirit rejoice in God our Savior- our Emmanuel. Feel that love to the very core of your being. Sing – rejoice – be loud – be off key, sing like nobody is listening. But today - Today – be still – listen- and know God. Amen

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Please stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church.
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding Bishop; Poulson, our own Bishop; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joseph our President, Kevin our Governor, G.T. our Mayor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on (Barbara Sue; Odell; Nancy; Paulette; Alicia; Jeremy; Marjoree; Shirley; Taylor; Cameron; Finley; David; Brandy; ,The Reese Family; Barbara; Heidi; Mary; Vivienne; Laura; Mary Jo; Carlana; Barbara.; Sharon; Scott; Ramya; Lee; Cindy; Kristy; and Donna), and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed (including **Charles Evans**) eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Let us pray for our needs and those of others, either silently or aloud.

The People may add their own petitions

We give thanks for all who are worshipping with us today, especially for those worshipping with us for the first time.

The Deacon says

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

Please stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

A Birthday Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on these your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Anniversary Prayer

May God bless you as you celebrate your anniversary. May God deepen your love for each other. May God bless you in your family and friends, and may you continue to find joy as you lead your lives together. We ask in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Celebrant may say

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; *Alleluia!* For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space; *Res miranda*. By that rose we may well see that he is God in persons three, *Pari forma*. The angels sungen, the shepherds to: *Gloria in excelsis Deo: Gaudeamus*. Now leave we all this world by mirth, and follow we this joyful birth; *Transeamus*.
Text: Anonymous Medieval Carol

At the Presentation

Old 100th

(Please stand and join the choir in singing)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people may stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please notify the priest if you wish to receive a gluten free wafer.

Let the Chalice Bearer know if you wish to receive wine that is free of gluten.

For Communion, hold your palms upward and the bread will be placed there. It is helpful if you guide the cup to your mouth. If you wish to receive the bread dipped in the wine, leave the bread in the palm of your hand and the chalice bearer will dip it for you.

Motet

Stanley Vann (1910-2010)

There is a flower sprung of a tree, the root thereof is called Jesse, a flower of price; there is none such in paradise.

This flower is fair and fresh of hue, it fadeth never, but ever is new; the blessed branch this flower on grew was Mary mild that bare Jesu; a flower of grace: against all sorrow it is solace.

The seed hereof was Goddès sand that God himself sowed with his hand, in Nazareth, the holy land, amidst her arbour a maiden found; this blessed flower sprang never but in Mary's bower.

When Gabriel this maid did meet, with Ave Maria he did her greet; between them two this flower was set and safe was kept, no man should wit till on a day in Bethlehem it could spread and spray.

(Text: John Audelay d. ca. 1426)

Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitor (if applicable)

People

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

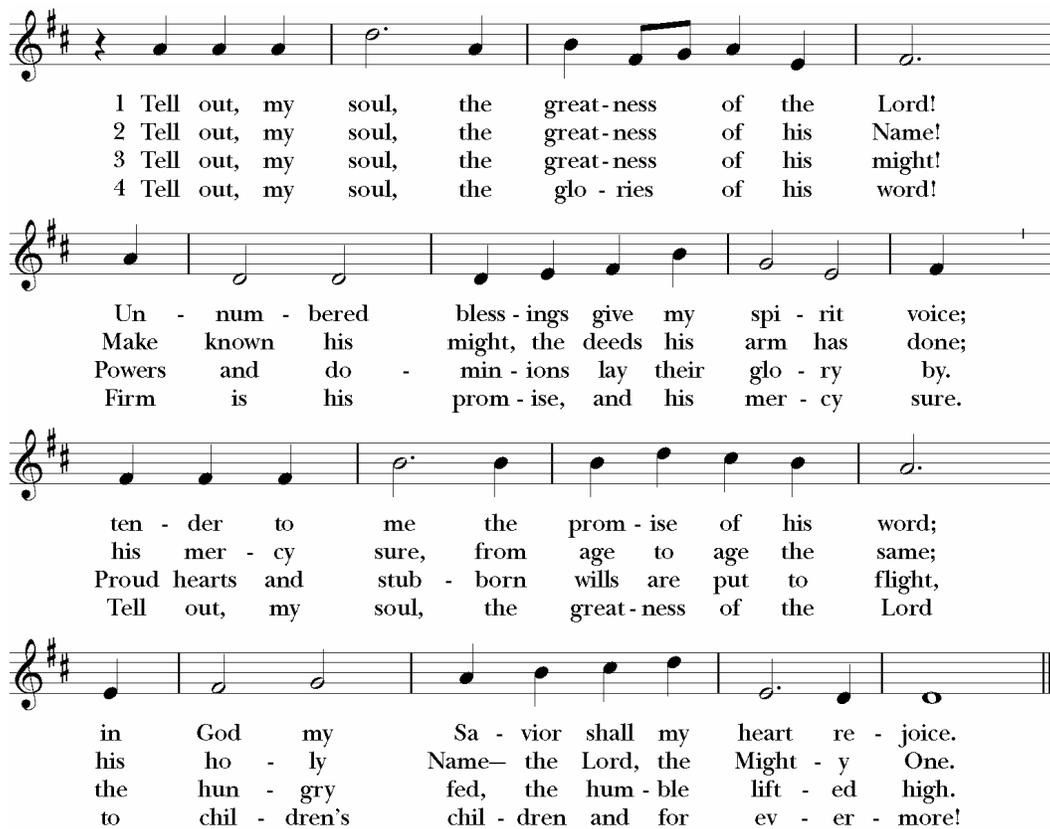
May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Woodlands



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on *Song of Mary*

Music: Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary: Improvisation

**You are cordially invited to the Great Hall for refreshments following the service.
We hope you will join us so that we may get to know you.**

There is a prayer list in Bishop Brooke Chapel. Please add the names of any for whom you wish prayer.

Clergy: The Reverend Dr. W. Lee Domenick, *Rector*; The Reverend Cheryl Harder, *Associate Rector*; The Reverend Chris Cole, *Curate*; The Reverend Deborah Underwood, *Deacon*; The Reverend Bert Bibens, *Deacon*; The Reverend Noel Doherty, *Assisting Clergy*

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Sunday, December 19, 2021

Acolytes

7:30 am

9:00 am Thad Smith

11:00 am Rusty Renfrow

Altar Guild

Group 1: Betty Rains, Tucky Hazen, Barbara Bilderback, Mary Ann Allbritton, Mary Barcus, Charlene Stamps, Christie Armstrong, JoNelle Parks

Eucharistic Visitors

Hilary Kitz, Ed Roling

Chalice Bearers

7:30 am Jim Halpin

9:00 am Melissa Stirling, Clayton Woodrum

11:00 am Bill McCaleb, Nancy Gill, Jeff

Howard, Harry Cook

Lectors

7:30 am Jim Halpin

9:00 am Melissa Stirling, Clayton Woodrum

11:00 am Bill McCaleb, Nancy Gill, Harry

Cook

Oblationers:

7:30 am Ed Roling, Helen Douglass

9:00 am Jan Grogan, Mark Kuhn

11:00 am Roselle Tyner

Ushers

7:30 am Dale Wissen, Beverly Wissen

9:00 am Jeff Luke, Rose Shankweiler, Harry Dandelles, Britt Radford

11:00 am Tom Neal, Phil Finnegan, Tim Morgan, Pamela Baker, Tim Gilpin, Billy Hollaway, Luke West

Vergers

Bill Daniels, Mark Shackelford, Linda Martin, Bud Davis

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

7:30 am

9:00 am Mary Sue

11:00 am Tucky Hazen, Jody Radford, Ben Radford

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